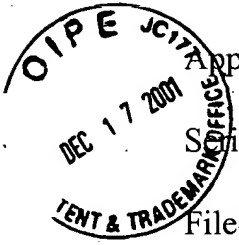


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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement filed on May 7, 2001 in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Applicants hereby call the following information to the attention of the Examiner:

Applicants submit herewith a copy of a European Search Report from the European Patent Office issued November 15, 2001, with respect to counterpart Patent Application EP 01 30 1166, in which the European Patent Examiner cited the following documents:

EP 0 969 462 A to PIONEER ELECTRONIC CORP, published January 5, 2000, was cited as an "X" category document (i.e. document that is particularly relevant if taken alone)

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with respect to claims 1-14 of the corresponding European application. The Examiner indicated the whole document as being relevant.

EP 0 843 471 A to SONY CORP, published May 20, 1998, was cited as an "X" category document with respect to claims 1-14 of the corresponding European application. The Examiner indicated the whole document as being relevant.

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EP 0 778 566 A to SONY CORP, published June 11, 1997, was cited as an "A" category document (i.e. document providing technological background) with respect to claims 1-14 of the corresponding European application. The Examiner indicated the whole document as being relevant.

U.S. Patent No. 5,729,516 to MORIYAMA et al., issued March 17, 1998, was cited as an "A" category document with respect to claims 1-14 of the corresponding European application. The Examiner indicated the whole document as being relevant.

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U.S. Patent No. 5,896,454 to COOKSON et al., issued April 20, 1999, was cited as an "A" category document with respect to claims 1-14 of the corresponding European application. The Examiner indicated the whole document as being relevant.

EP 1 001 624 to SONY CORP, published May 17, 2000, was cited as an "X" category document, but also was cited as a "P" category document (i.e. published after the earliest priority document for the corresponding European Patent application) with respect to claims 1-14 of the corresponding European application. The Examiner indicated the whole document as being relevant.

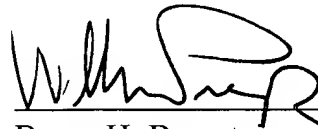
An article by BLOOM et al., entitled "Copy Protection for DVD Video", published July 1999, in Proceedings of the IEEE, pages 1267-1276, XP000861525, IEEE, ISSN: 0018-9219, was cited as an "A" category document with respect to claims 1-14 of the corresponding European application. The Examiner indicated the whole document as being relevant.

Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. A copy of the European Search Report is also attached. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider and cite each of the above listed documents and to indicate such consideration by appropriately initialing and signing the enclosed PTO-1449 Form and returning a copy of the signed and initialed form with the next communication.

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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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